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SPORTING.

Shooting.

The Taipo Club met a team of the H.K.V.A., No. 3 Co., in a friendly match on Sunday. The day was bad for shooting as a strong and gusty wind was blowing which made shooting at 500 and 600 yards far from easy. The scores therefore were not at all satisfactory. The Taipo Team had better luck at 600 yards and therefore were the winners of the match. Scores—
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BUSINESS BRISK IN
SINGAPORE.

For several days there has been a big demand for goods, mostly amongst the Chinese dealers, and if our local merchants could maintain brisk business of this nature for some time, there would be no more grumbling about the rotten condition of the market.

The recent spurt is, of course, largely due to increased demand for stocks to replenish those disposed of last year prior to the Chinese New Year. The same ratio of demand can hardly be expected to be maintained, but the demand has been something above what is normal at this particular period, it may mean that the tide has turned in earnest. There had been indications of improvement for some weeks.—*Straits Times*.

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

The seventh session opened at 10.30 a.m. on the 16th instant. A report dealing with the Opium question as it concerns Italy was presented by Signor Farsetti. The Netherlands Report then came up for discussion, and afterwards the Chief Commissioner for Japan, in reply to questions put by Mr. R. Lalitaw, M.P., gave a series of statistics covering the sale of Opium Paste, the Consumption of Opium, and the Revenue derived therefrom in Formosa.

Mr. T. Kuo-an, replying to questions put to the Chinese Delegation at the last sitting by Sir Alexander Hoare, quoted figures from the Japanese Report on Formosa in support of the Chinese estimates of the percentage of smokers to the population, and stated that the further information asked for would be supplied as soon as it could be obtained.

The Chief Commissioner for the Netherlands, Mr. de Jongh, then read a statement comprising the declared policy of the Government, which is gradually to reduce the consumption of Opium in the East, i.e., India. The Commission adjourned at 12.15 p.m. On re-assembling at 2.30 p.m. there was a brief discussion on the Austro-Hungarian report, and Dr. Russler asked the Delegate for Austria-Hungary to obtain particulars as to the use of Opium in the Austrian concession at Tientsin. The Persian report was left over for discussion until the question of the production of Opium generally comes before the Commission.

A proposal made by Dr. Russler that a Committee should be appointed to consider existing International Agreements on the Opium traffic was accepted, and there followed a discussion as to the scope of inquiry generally to which the Commission should confine itself.

The Commission adjourned at 3.45 p.m. until Thursday, February 18.

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etc.**DEATH.**At "Chigginbury," North Finchley,
London, the 26th instant, Lizzie
Lewman Crawford, widow of the late
D. H. Crawford, in her 69th year. (By
table.)**MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.****Auctions.**2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at Mr H. Humphreys' resi-
dence, 'Abercraigie,' Peak Road.2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at No. 14, Knutsford Ter-
race, Kowloon.3 p.m.—Auction of Ponies opposite the
City Hall.**Miscellaneous**Goods per *Forwarders* undelivered after
this date subject to rent;Goods per *Delta* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.**General Memoranda.**THURSDAY, February 25.—
11 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at Steaview (east end of
Kenne Road).2.45 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Jew-
elry, &c., at Mr Gee, F. Lammer's
Salon Room.FRIDAY, February 26.—
Noons—Tenders for the supply of Provi-
nions—Tenders will be received by Deputy Vic-
tualian Store Officer, H. M. Naval Yard,
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Hotel
Co. Ltd., at Co's Hotel.2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at Mr W. E. Clark's residence,
'Abergeldie,' the Peak.Goods per *Monrose* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.Goods per *Flinthorn* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.Goods per *Manchuria* undelivered at
noon on this date subject to rent.SATURDAY, February 27.—
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Re-
Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at Co's Office.12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Ice
Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson
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FRANCE'S NAVAL EXPENDITURE.

MARINE MINISTER'S ESTIMATE REDUCED BY HALF.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

London, February 22.

A Paris message states that M. Caillaux, the Minister of Finance, has informed the Cabinet that it is possible to grant only one half of the 223,000,000 francs which M. Picard, the Minister of Marine, considers indispensable for the reform of the Navy.

BULGARIAN KING'S RECEPTION.

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR'S VIEW.

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London, February 22.

The Russian Ambassador at Constantinople has explained that the reception of King Ferdinand as King of Bulgaria was merely a matter of courtesy and expediency, and would not affect the diplomatic position.

A SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

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London, February 22.

The famous French astronomer, M. Camille Flammarion, has announced that the undulations of the earth's crust coinciding with the tides, which had long been surmised, have been measured at Potsdam Observatory, and a variation amounting to eight inches was discovered between the earth movements and the sea-tides.

RETURN OF THE AMERICAN FLEET.

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London, February 22.

The American battleship fleet has returned to Hampton Roads, and will be reviewed by President Roosevelt to-day.

THE SEVENTH DREADNOUGHT.

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H.M.S. Vanguard, the seventh of the Dreadnought class, has been launched at Barrow-in-Furness.

HAWAIIAN FISHERIES.

PROPOSED RESTRICTIVE MEASURE DROPPED.

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The American Senate has shelved the alien fishery bill introduced by Honolulu.

AFFAIRS IN PERSIA.

MORE EXECUTIONS.

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Reuter's agent at Teheran cables that three men were arrested in the Bazaars having been found in possession of bombs. One was hanged, a fate which overtakes the others to day.

THE PRICE OF STEEL. BIG CORPORATION STANDS FIRM.

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The United States Steel Corporation declares that it will not reduce the price of steel rails. It is stated that five of the largest companies have arrived at a tacit understanding to maintain the price of steel and the reductions made by smaller companies will therefore have no effect upon trade generally.

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Attorney-General Quotes Scripture.

"DADES AND SUCKLINGS" IN COURT.

Shek Yau Kwei was placed in the dock at the Criminal Sessions, to-day, before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, on a charge of armed robbery and child-stealing with intent to sell.

The Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, K.C., Attorney-General, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, instructed by Mr. H. L. Dennis, Jr.

The jury were sworn in as follows:—Messrs. E. W. White, foreman; G. H. Dutton, J. J. von West, G. R. Edwards, L. Lammett, J. McCubbin and H. S. Henry.

The Hon. Attorney-General said the prisoner was charged with robbery and kidnapping two children. The affair took place on the sea at Catao in Mira Bay, on a boat of the prosecutor, Ho Fook, on the night of January 11. Prosecutor and his wife with their two children, both girls, lived in the boat and there was also a boy whom prisoner alleged to be his son. At any rate the boy had been sold to the prosecutor, and the Hon. Attorney-General understood that it was not unusual that when there were only girls in a Chinese family for a son to be adopted. The whole family were asleep and were suddenly awakened by a man coming on board who told them to be quiet or they would be shot. Then other two men also came on board and the prisoner pulled up the anchor and the boat was rowed off to Wong Tung Wa. Prisoner was well known to prosecutor and his wife, they having known him for some ten years. All were confined in the cabin and afterwards the three children were taken out and carried off as well as \$25, some clothing and jewellery. The two girls were aged 9 and three years respectively and the boy three years of age. It was only alleged that the two girls were kidnapped as the prisoner alleged that the boy belonged to him. The prisoner at the Police Station denied that he went to rob as his only object was to take away his own child but that did not seem to be of much importance as the other two children were also taken.

Evidence was taken.

"Are you willing to come before the shrine and swear before the shrine that I did it?" asked the prisoner.

"I dare," answered the prosecutor.

"Did you and your husband steal thirty-nine coins last year, asked the prisoner of prosecutor's wife.

"It is false," replied the witness, "my husband and I got our livelihood by fishing and not by stealing nets."

"Is she capable of giving a true impression of the facts?" asked his Lordship of the Attorney-General in regard to the little girl witness aged nine.

"My, lord, out of the mouths of babes and sucklings we obtain the truth," replied the attorney-general. (Laughter.)

"Are you going to put the sucking in the box now?" asked the Chief Justice after the girl had given evidence.

The Attorney-General—"I will confine myself to the babe, my lord."

Prisoner came one day and said he would give me a present," said a female witness. He said he would give her his daughter and wanted \$20 for the present.

"I said I don't know whether the child would cry or not or would live with me," continued the witness. Prisoner had said she had better keep it for one night or two.

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"No," answered the witness, "you did not do so intentionally."

The jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty on the three counts and His Lordship sentenced prisoner to five years' imprisonment with twenty-four strokes of the birch. His Lordship remarked that he had no doubt that the verdict was right and that prisoner participated in the robbery although prisoner wanted to get his son back.

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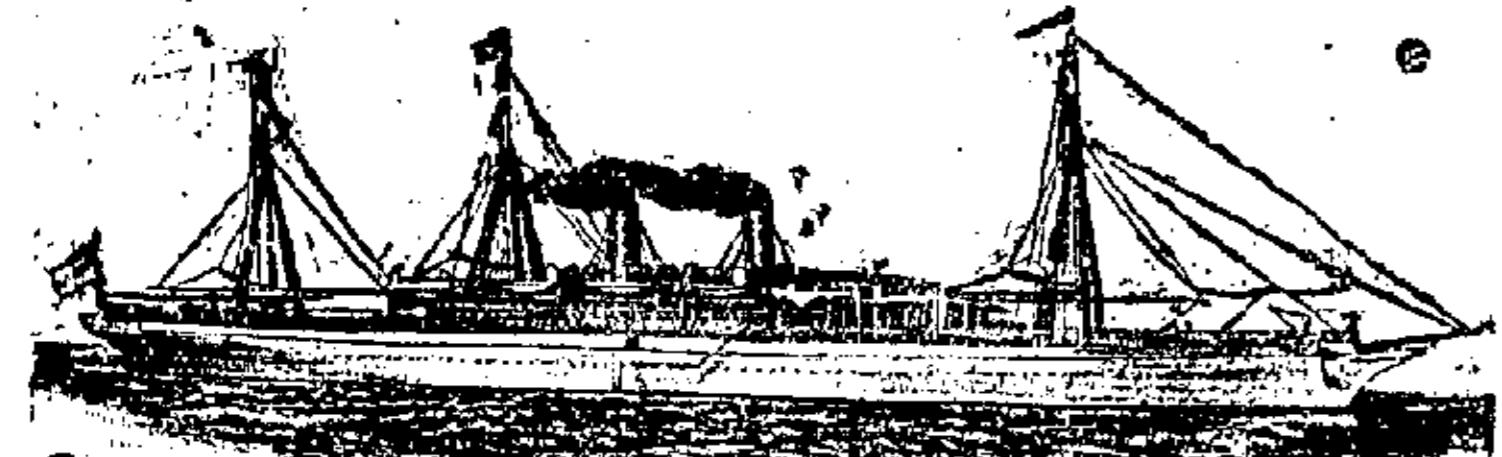
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STEAMERS	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due at	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due at
to	Hongkong	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES	(Brindisi)	from MARSEILLES & LONDON	PLYMOUTH
COLOMBO	Nov. 20	CHINA	Saturday, April 10	Saturday, April 10		
DELTA	Nov. 20	CHINA	April 17	April 17		
Macedonia	Nov. 20	through steamship MALWA	May 1	May 1		
DELTA	Nov. 20	CHINA	May 8	May 8		
DEVANHA	Nov. 20	MONGOLIA	May 15	May 15		
ASSAWE	Nov. 20	MAB MOHA	May 22	May 22		
DELTA	Nov. 20	INDIA	June 4	June 4		
GORANA	Nov. 20	VICTORIA	June 13	June 13		
DELHI	Nov. 20	MOULtan	July 3	July 3		
COLOMBO	June 12	MOULtan	July 11	July 16		

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		HONGKONG	LONDON
		about	about
* MALTA	Feb. 24	April	10
* NORE	March 10	April	24
* PALAWAN	March 12	May	9
* SUMATRA	March 12	May	27
* PALMA	March 21	June	27
* NUBIA	May 5	June	19
PERA	May 5	July	3
* SOMALI	June 2	July	17

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STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILIWONG	JAVA	First half of March.	JAPAN	First half of March.
TJIBODAS	JAPAN	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJIMAH	JAVA	Do.	AMOY	Do.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	Second half of March.	SHANGHAI	Second half of March.
TJIKINI	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half of April.	SHANGHAI	First half of April.

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